



## **Arlington Council on Aging**

### **Agenda**

*Date: Thursday May 18, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm*

***Location: This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. Attendees can attend in person at the Arlington Community Center or virtually via zoom. These meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. Please call 781-316-3401 or e-mail [KShah@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:KShah@town.arlington.ma.us) for the link to join the meeting which can be accessed by computer with internet access or by telephone for audio access only.***

*Kristine Shah, Executive Director*

*Michael Quinn, Chair*

*Sheila Connerney, Secretary*

*The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.*

1. Call to order
2. Citizen's Open Forum
3. Minutes of the April 2023 meeting for approval
4. Report: Executive Director
5. Report of the Chair
6. ACPAC Sub-Committee Update
7. Report: MCOA Board Training on 5/4
8. Report: Minuteman Senior Services
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Other Community Announcements
12. Adjourn - **Next meeting: June 15, 2023**

## **Executive Director's Report: Kristine Shah**

- I. COA Programs & Services Update
  - a. Updated numbers since April 2022: 2,900+ individuals have been involved with the COA through programs, activities, services, or all. 9,431 rides have been provided to 800 individuals. 283 current volunteers.
  - b. Upcoming Programs/Activities Highlights: Outdoor Jazz Concert/Picnic on July 20, Summer Vintage Tea June 15, Elder Law Program June 13, Lahey Farm Share Distribution starts again June 13, Local News in 2023 Talk, Modern Pronouns Talk July 19, Robbins Gardens History Talk June 26, Stroke Awareness June 20
- II. Budget Updates
  - a. Applying for the following new grants for FY24: \$10,000 Title IIIB Funding through Minuteman Senior Services and \$35,000 from MassDOT Community Transit Grants for out of town medical appointment transportation.
  - b. Sevoyan Personal Needs Fund is depleted for FY23
    1. Requests being fulfilled using Sussman Fund, Widows Fund and New Emergency Assistance Fund until Sevoyan can be replenished in September.
- III. Age & Dementia Friendly Initiatives, Advocacy Opportunities:
  - a. Senior Parking Permits, Select Board Presentation
  - b. Older Adult Homelessness Prevention: <https://tinyurl.com/bridgefy24>
  - c. Advocacy for "Formula Grant" (\$14 per older adult in FY24). Included in Governor's Budget, House Budget, Senate Ways & Means Committee Budget (Line Item 9110-9002).
  - d. Advocacy for Senior Circuit Breaker (potential to increase to \$2,400 from \$1,200 in FY24)
- IV. Other
  - a. COA Staff Highlight – Marci Shapiro-Ide, Social Worker